

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An inter-processor communication method for a mobile communication system, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:
 - (a) receiving a message transmission request from a connectionless-orientated user, said request including a message and a destination address of said message;
 - (b) determining whether any one of currently existing sockets, whose file descriptors are stored in a socket management database, is connected to said destination address; and
 - (c) sending a connection request to a connection manager ~~in order~~ to be connected to a TCP (transmission control protocol) layer to provide a connection-orientated service to the connectionless-orientated user, if it is determined in the step (b) that none of said existing sockets are connected to said destination address.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ sending said message to said TCP layer if it is determined in the step (b) that any one of said existing sockets is connected to said destination address.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:
creating a new socket connected to said destination address and attempting to
be connected to said TCP layer; and
storing a new file descriptor of said new socket in said database if said attempt
is succeeded.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising ~~the step of~~
newly forming a receiving module for said new socket.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~
informing said user of an incomplete message transmission, if not connected to said TCP
layer for a given period of time.

7. (Currently Amended) An inter-processor communication apparatus for a
mobile communication system, the apparatus comprising:
a socket management database storing file descriptors of currently existing
sockets;

a message-transmitting module receiving a message transmission request from a connectionless-orientated user, said request including a message and a destination address of said message, said module further sending a connection request ~~in order~~ to be connected to a TCP (transmission control protocol) layer to provide a connection-orientated service to the connectionless-orientated user, if none of said existing sockets are connected to said destination address; and

a connection manager creating a new socket connected to said destination address and attempting to connect said module with said TCP layer after receiving said connection request from said module.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said module sends said message to said TCP layer if any one of said existing sockets is connected to said destination address.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said manager stores a new file descriptor of said new socket in said database if said attempt is succeeded.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said manager forms a receiving module after storing said new file descriptor.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said manager waits to receive another connection request if said attempt is not succeeded.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said module adds a message header to said message, said header including a message header indicator, a message length, a source address, said destination address, and a message identifier.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said module sends said message together with said header to said TCP layer using said new socket.

14. (Canceled).

15. (New) A communication method for a mobile communication system, comprising:

receiving a message transmission request from a connectionless-oriented user at a connection-oriented router;

formatting the message into a connection-oriented protocol data unit (PDU) including a source address of the connectionless-oriented user and a destination address; and

transmitting the message through an existing connection-oriented socket connected to the destination address if the socket exists.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
creating a new connection-oriented socket to the destination address if the
existing connection-oriented socket does not exist; and
transmitting the message to the destination address using the new connection-
oriented socket.
17. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
determining if the existing connection-orientated socket connected to the
destination address exists by reading a database including all existing sockets.
18. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the connection-orientated router
comprises a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) router including a TCP layer.